

Doing the Work: Celebrating 50 Years of MCAAHC

TIMELINE OF EVENTS
1979-1989



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- MCAAHC co-sponsors the Benjamin Banneker Stamp Dedication Ceremony in Annapolis, MD
- In July, BDMF commissions portraits of Harriet Tubman, John H. Murphy, and Lillie May Carroll Jackson to be painted by Hughie Lee-Smith

- Renovations to Mt. Moriah Church continue with funding from the Housing and Urban Development Community Block Grant and the Maryland General Assembly, bringing the total cost of the project \$960,000

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- In April, the Commission's staff closes all other offices and move into offices on the lower level of Mt. Moriah as renovations near completion

- MCAAHC presents Rosa Parks with a certificate of appreciation
- On February 24th, Mt. Moriah Church is dedicated as the Banneker-Douglass Museum of Afro-American Life and History

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- "The Ghandi Reader", a large portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. painted by Nathaniel Gibbs is unveiled on MLK's 56th birthday
- Carroll Greene, Jr., MCAAHC Executive Director, becomes the Coordinator for Maryland's MLK commemorative holiday celebration
- March 18th, Verda Welcome Hall is dedicated at BDM
- BDM collects objects from Dr. Ralph Young of Baltimore

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- MCAAHC hosts a conference entitled "The Black Experience in Southern Maryland: Past and Present" at St. Mary's College

- MCAAHC celebrates the first Kunta Kinte Heritage Day on the Annapolis City docks in commemoration of Kunta Kinte's arrival in America
- October 1-2nd, Morgan State University, Maryland State Archives, Maryland Historical Society, and MCAAHC co-sponsors conference "Freedom Fettered: Blacks in the Constitutional Era in Maryland: 1776-1819" at Morgan State University

1987

- In January, "Let Freedom Ring" became Maryland's official tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in Baltimore, MD under Maestro David Zinman
- Exhibit "Amandla: Contemporary and Traditional Art of South Africa" opens in September
- In December, MCAAHC and BDMF sponsor the first Kwanzaa program at BDM

1988

- BDM's 5th Anniversary Celebration is hosted by MCAAHC and BDMF
- March 10-11th, MCAAHC sponsors "Black Women: Creativity and the Quality of Life at Bowie State University in Bowie, MD
- In November, MCAAHC hosts the lecture "Stitched from the Soul: Slave Quilting in the Antebellum South" by Dr. Gladys-Marie Fry

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